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FIRST VISIT IN THIRTY-TWO YEARS

**Col. E. Polk Johnson Comes
Back to Cloverport--Last Time
He Was Here Made a Speech
at LaHeist Woods--Reminiscences
Interestingly Told By
the Colonel.**

PLEASANT THANKSGIVING HERE

Col. E. Polk Johnson and Mrs. Johnson spent Thanksgiving the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Randall, and returned to their home in Louisville Saturday morning.

Friday evening the Randalls had a few of their neighbors and personal friends of Col. Johnson to meet him and Mrs. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nolte, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Babbage with the host and hostess were entertained with the reminiscences of Col. Johnson's visit to Cloverport thirty-two years ago and other interesting experiences of his life.

Col. Johnson honored the Breckenridge News with a visit to the office which was like home to him, for he said he went into newspaper work a young man and came out bald-headed. He has been an editor and publisher, and now writes (when he is in the humor) for magazines and other publications. The Kentucky History recently published from his pen was written at his home. He was writing it two years, and one remarkable feature of the history, the manuscript was in his own hand-writing and very few corrections had to be made on the proof. Col. Johnson works very methodically. He declares he can put his finger on any book or article in his den just the minute he wants it. "The only thing I can keep up with," said the Colonel, "is my pair of slippers. Some one is always tucking those under my chair desk or some place out of sight. We have a furnace and natural gas in our house, and I have an open grate. A replace is company and I like to look out it and think."

The personal side of the Colonel's life, his present every day living, his views and ideas, are as distinctive as has been his public career of special and successful undertakings. Meeting him and Mrs. Johnson in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randall was delightful. In speaking of his visit to Cloverport long ago, Col. Johnson said: "This is the first time I have been in Cloverport for thirty-two years. In 1880, when the Democratic Presidential ticket was Hancock and English, I was an Assistant Elector for the State at large. A grand rally of the Democratic hosts of this and adjoining counties was held in a woodland somewhere near here. I was one of the speakers, two of the others being Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn and Col. W. C. P. Breckenridge. With the two foremost orators of the State on the list of speakers, I was modest enough to know that there was small opportunity for me, so I asked the Committee on Arrangements to let me speak first, promising, in return for this favor, to make my speech short one. This was easily arranged and I spoke my little piece and gave away for the heavy artillery. Joe Blackburn followed me in one of his characteristic speeches that caught the crowd which cheered him tumultuously. Then came Col. Breckenridge. I have heard many of the alleged great orators of our country, but none equal to Breckenridge. To purity of thought and diction, he added a voice silvery in sweetness, which appealed to his audience as did that of no other man I have ever heard. He was not only a great orator but, as the late Judge William Lindsay said of him, 'a great man.'"

"Then came the dinner in the open air, just such a dinner as the good people of Breckenridge county know so well how to prepare and then--well, then came the deluge. I have in the rainy and in this and foreign lands, seen the heavens in their weepiest mood, but never have I seen a heavier or damper rain than that which fell upon us that day. Every one, saint and sinner alike, received a baptism which I am sure none of those yet living and who were there, have forgotten."

Miss Bertha Smith was the guest of her parents at Stephensport. Mr. and Mrs. George Chris and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Berry and children, were entertained to a beautiful dinner at the home of Mr. and D. H. Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffous Behen gave an elegant Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for the following: Misses Eva and Edith Plank, Miss Lula Severs and Dr. A. A. Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Behen. Mr. Wickliffe Moorman and niece, Mrs. John Kincheloe, of Hardinsburg, were guests of relatives at Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Frank English and daughter, Lida May, spent the day at their country home at Skillman. Mrs. Francis Marion Smith gave her annual Thanksgiving dinner to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Reid and family.

Five Years Old.
Dear Santa Claus:--I am a little boy five years old. I will write and tell you what I want for Xmas. I want some mixed nuts, Roman candles, fire crackers, sparklers, little train, little automobile that I can ride in, a little hand car. Bring my little sister a big doll about 2 feet high. She is eight years old. Bring me all kinds of candy, some oranges, bananas, grapes, apples, pears, little horse and wagon and rocky-horse like they have on merry-go-round. My sister's name is Eva. Bring Eva a lot of candy and lots of good things. Good-bye Santa, I will be a good boy and not look. I will have both eyes shut tight.

James W. Wright,
McQuady, Ky.

New Grocery Store.
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Breckenridge again, and at their request, he spoke that evening to a crowd which packed a large audience hall somewhere in town. I do not remember if it was a church or not but I do recall that this speech, while equally eloquent with that of the morning, was entirely different in matter, though like his first one, dealing with the political problems of the hour. He was a wonderful man, and in all Kentucky there is none fit to be his successor as an eloquent and accomplished orator.

"After the speaking, the rain having ceased, the younger element proposed to have a little amusement with the visiting statesmen, and the tradition still exists that at least one of the visitors turned the joke upon the jokers. About that, however, it is perhaps well to say no more."

Dinner Party At Holt For The Younger Set

Miss Lucile Hardin gave a dinner party at her home at Holt Thanksgiving for her friends of this city. A big turkey with several other courses were attractively served to the guests. They were: Mrs. Emma Skillman, James Skillman, Ruth Pate, Joseph Ross, Darnell Gregory, Mary Owen Oelze, Isabell Burn, Donna Ross, Mary Gibson, Virginia Harris, Mary McGavock and Dorothy Gregory, of Brandenburg.

Thanksgiving Day With Cloverporters

Miss Cleono Weatherholt and Mr. Lase Behen went to Louisville to see Miss Maud Adams at Macauley's.

Misses Julia and Margaret Wroe and Miss Ora Hendricks, attended the Teachers' Association in Louisville.

Prof. Culton and Mrs. Culton spent the day in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Oelze gave a family dinner party.

Prof. Tanner, Mrs. Tanner and son Hugh, of Irvington, were guests of Dr. Forrest Lightfoot and Mrs. Lightfoot. They motored to the country for a camp and hunt.

Mr. Ed. Whitehead and children, Louise and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Severs, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman, Mr. O. T. Skillman, Mr. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Babbage, Mrs. Nannie Wills and Miss Gensie Wills attended the Thanksgiving dinner at Tobinsport given at the school building. The proceeds amounted to \$37.45 and were used for the M. E. church expenses. Hospitality and good things to eat in abundance were enjoyed by a large assembly of people.

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STUDY OF THE COURT OF THE FOUR SEASONS, PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

To the west of the great Court of Honor at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will come the Court of Four Seasons, one of the most elaborate and beautiful of the great interior courts that will lie between the huge exhibit palaces of the main group. The walls of the court will be partly formed by the palaces of Liberal Arts and of Education and by the two great wings of the Palace of Agriculture and partly by the classic colonnades and peristyles that will connect these buildings. The Court of Four Seasons, in classic Italian architecture, is designed by Mr. Henry Bacon of New York, designer of the Lincoln Memorial. In harmony with the title of the court there will, in each of its four corners, be set groups of statuary symbolical of the seasons--Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The sculpture will be set in niches screened by colonnades. Mural paintings, also suggestive of the seasons, will form the background for the setting. Mr. Jules Guerin, the noted artist, has charge of the color plan. The Court of Four Seasons will be 340 feet square.

TOBACCO REPORT

Leaf Held by Dealers and Manufacturers Amounted to 1,047,404,560 Pounds.

Washington, Nov. 27.--Leaf tobacco held by dealers and manufacturers, others than original growers, on Oct. 1, amounted to 1,047,404,560 pounds, the Census Bureau today announced in making the first report under the law enacted April 30 last. Of this total 916,732,009 pounds were unstemmed and 130,672,551 pounds were stemmed.

These amounts were held by manufacturers of tobacco, who last year manufactured more than 50,000 pounds of tobacco, 250,000 cigars, or 1,000,000 cigarettes, and by dealers, who, on an average, at the end of the four quarters of last year, had more than 50,000 pounds of tobacco in stock.

The preliminary estimate of the 1912 production of tobacco made by the Department of Agriculture, placed the amount at 959,437,000 pounds.

Never Will Grow Old Writes Dr. H. H. Compton.

Dear Mr. Babbage:--Please find my check for one dollar. Send me The News for one year. I have been in Allen, Texas, since June 1880. Have had a large and lucrative practice, and still have it. Age and its infirmities still sit lightly on my shoulders. I am still a young man I shall always be young. Don't believe in growing old and grouchy. Hope to visit the old home soon. Want to romp and play over the meadows and gather buttercups and daisies 'neath the spreading elms and gums hard by the house as I did when a rollicking free-from-care boy in the days of the long ago.

Yours,
Dr. H. H. Compton,
Allen, Texas.

Death of a Venerable Father and Citizen.

The many friends of Silas Harrington will be much grieved to hear of his death at his home at Muldraugh, Meade county, Ky., Friday morning, November 29. Mrs. Jesse Weatherholt, of this city, is one of the surviving children.

Daughter Leaves Father \$2000.

Saturday L. C. Taul gave G. P. Burdett a check for \$2000. It was life insurance carried just two years by Mr. Burdett's daughter, Miss Bertha J. Burdett, who died Nov. 12. Within eighteen days Mr. Burdett got the money. The policy cost Miss Burdett only \$58.40 and the large amount is a great help to her father in his old age and loneliness. Mr. Taul represents the Liberal Life Insurance Company, of Anderson, Ind., and his work is of perfect satisfaction to the people who insure and to his Company.

THE LUMBER BUSINESS

**Been Big All Summer And Fall.
Will Last Until Next April.
Three Sawmills Going--Nearly
Fifty Men Hauling.**

Ed Jackson, who lost \$18.00 on Hay-Press Hill about three weeks ago and never found it, was in the News office Saturday to pay his advertising bill and told about the lumber business at Tarfork and in that community. Mr. Jackson made and lost money hauling lumber.

Everybody has noticed the many teams bringing timber to Cloverport ever since last May. The timber is being cut from the Quisenberry land and the Mullen farm, 400,000 feet was cut from the former place and 450,000 feet will have been cut from the latter by the time the contract is finished. There are three sawmills in hollowing distance from each other, one on the Owen Seaton place, one on the James Keenan place, and the other on Mullen's farm on which Leon Keenan lives. It cost \$12 a 1000 feet to get this lumber to Cloverport, down to the river bank ready for the boats. The man who cuts it gets \$1 a 1000 feet, the log-hauler gets \$2 a 1000 feet, the sawmill man gets \$4 a 1000, the fellow who hauls it to the river gets \$5 a 1000. There are forty-six men who haul the lumber to this port. They do this along with their other work on their farms. Each load brings about \$3. The contract will be finished about next April. Most of the timber goes to Owensboro.

Mr. Jackson knows all about the industries in that section of the woods. He says the delivery of tobacco will be very late this year.

This lumber has brought a big business to Cloverport and credit for it is due to Mr. James Seaton, who took the contract for receiving it, etc.

Good Letter From Mrs. Pike Conn, of California

Nov. 28, 1912.
Dear Mr. Babbage:--You will find enclosed (\$1.00) one dollar, please send me the Breckenridge News. I am completely lost without it. Our friends at home have been sending us the news pretty regular, but I do not want to miss a single copy.

We are enjoying California fine, perfectly delighted with Los Angeles. The climate is fine. The winter is just like one long summer day with the sunshine and flowers.

Have been enjoying some fine auto drives through the canyons and valleys, some of the most beautiful scenery I ever saw. Our trip through Laurel canyon and down through San Fernando valley was grand, with its driveway with hedges of roses and palms for miles, and orange, lemon, peach, apricot, fig, olive and walnut orchards were beautiful. Occasionally we would

ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE

Cooking under modern methods and conveniences is made so attractive the whole family is becoming interested.

"These biscuits are delicious; this cake is excellent," says the father. "I made them," says the daughter, and both father and daughter beam with pleasure.

Royal Baking Powder has made home baking a success, a pleasure and a profit, and the best cooking today the world over is done with its aid.

see one of the old mission bells along the driveway.

Have visited San Gabriel Mission, the old tower is crumbling down, though they still have service in the old Mission, and the people are called to worship by the mission chimes as in early days.

The old Pacific is grand, I never tire of watching the breakers come in, and enjoy a plunge in the surf. At last I have had the pleasure of seeing a sunset at sea, which was perfectly beautiful. Wishing you much success, will close. Respectfully,

Mrs. Pike Conn,
805 Euclid Ave., Los Angeles, Cal

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The pastor returned Saturday night from a ten days meeting at Butler, Pendleton county, Ky., and was in his pulpit at both hours last Sunday. On account of an epidemic of diphtheria the Butler meeting was closed sooner than it would have been otherwise. There were three received for baptism and these were baptized Thanksgiving afternoon in Licking river which flows through the town. On the return trip the pastor preached for the Pointexter Saints on Friday night, his brother's other church.

The pastor went to Louisville Monday to attend the first meeting of the new State Board. He was reappointed on the Board at the recent meeting of the General Association at Madisonville. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Cottrell and Dorothy and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wohlbold while in the city. They will return Wednesday evening.

Wednesday evening is the regular monthly business conference. At this meeting the church officers for the coming year will be elected. A good attendance of the membership is desired.

The pastor will leave Thursday for McDaniels for a several days meeting. The pulpit will be supplied by the church in his absence.

A real nice Thanksgiving box was sent last week to the Baptist Orphans' Home, besides about \$10.00 in cash. The Committee did fine work and the response was liberal. Mrs. Tousey was Chairman.

The church will take an offering this month for the old Ministers Aid Society. At the Madisonville meeting, property valued at \$50,000 was given for an old preachers' home. The Cloverport church wants a part in caring for the old, worn out or disabled preachers and their widows. The offering for this purpose will be taken about the Fourth Sunday.

Entertained in Washington.

Miss Margaret Peyton returned Saturday afternoon from Herndon, Va., where she has been since September as the guest of Miss Louise Aud. Miss Peyton was extensively entertained in Washington while away. Among other entertainments she was given a theater party by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Parker, formerly of Cloverport.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

**Problem and How to Solve It--
A Gift That Repeats Its Pleasure
Every Week, and Worry
is Saved and So is Time.**

Saturday one person sent in three subscriptions to The Breckenridge News and a beautiful card, printed in red with a green Christmas border was given with each one. The card was as follows:

Through the courtesy of you will receive The Breckenridge News the coming year. Should it fail to reach you, kindly advise us. We hope you will receive every issue, and with best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,
John D. Babbage,
Cloverport, Ky.

This solves the Christmas gift problem. Subscribe for the paper a year for your friend, instead of remailing yours, if you do this. Send it as a present to your neighbor who borrows it for that friend, and that neighbor who likes the home paper will surely appreciate it as a Christmas gift. The brother, father or son away from home would be happy to get every week and it would keep his love for home and home people constantly refreshed.

Additions to Button Factory.

Messrs. Phelps, of this city, are adding eight machines to their button factory. This factory was started last spring and already it has been enlarged with additional machinery. That Cloverport is as good a place to build a business as any town on the map, is being proved every day.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Church Conference will be held next Wednesday night. The reference word for prayer meeting tonight is "Hope."

The Ladies Aid held its monthly meeting Monday, attending to several important matters of local work. Mrs. Pierce, the president leaves soon for Louisville.

The Junior Division of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. The foreign work will be Japan; the Home Department will discuss "How to Speak to People." All the young girls and boys of the city are invited. The mite boxes will be opened and reports from every department given.

Miss Jane Smith will lead the Epworth League Sunday evening. Arrangements are already being made for the Christmas devotional meeting and the Christmas Social.

The Woman's Missionary Society will be held Monday afternoon. The subject of the program is: "The Child at Play and Evangelism." It will be an interesting meeting for the young mothers of the city and the members shall be glad to have visitors attend.

Thirty young people enjoyed an evening of wholesale pleasure and great fun at the League social Friday night.